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Preliminary Statement of Gyula KADAR, Chief of the Second Bureau, Hungarian Army, from 1 Aug 1943 until March 1944.

1. I was head of Section II of the Hungarian General Staff from 1 August 1943 to March 1944.

2. Originally I was not a Staff Officer because I had not attended Officer's School, but after 18 years service in the Infantry I took the Staff examination, and after two years probation time I became Staff Officer. Before taking over Section II I had not done any intelligence work.

3. As far as I know I was chosen to be head of Section II because General Ferenc SZOMBATHELYI, then Chief of Staff, did not believe in the victory of the Germans and wished to relieve my extremely pro-German predecessor, General Jozsef VASVARY, by someone less blinded by pro-German views, and thus more reliable. SZOMBATHELYI had known me for a long time and knew that I never believed in the final victory of the Germans. The members of the Staff, knowing this fact, often gave expression to their suspicion that I was of Jewish origin - which was not true - and also called me pro-English.

4. After taking over the Section, I spent about four weeks orienting myself in the work, and becoming acquainted with the members of the Staff.

5. The organization of the Section was approximately the following:

Chief of the Section: Col. KADAR
Deputy Chief: Lt.Col. LOVAS

"Offensive" Branch

Chief: Janos BARLAY
(Maj.Gen.).

His task was intelligence service against the neighboring countries, except Germany, against which any intelligence service was strictly forbidden; also intelligence service against countries at greater distance, which however was limited to information about military attaches, mainly because of lack of money and suitable men.

"Defensive" Branch

Chief: Karoly KERN
(General)

His task was mainly the checking of enemy intelligence activity on Hungarian territory.

Reports Office

Chief: Karoly MOLNAR
(Maj. Gen.)

Valuation of reports, compiling them into reports on the general military situation.

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